

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY

I was reading in the book of Ezra the other day about the rebuilding of the temple. It is always amazing to me how God provides for His people. In the book of Ezra, he provides kings from foreign powers that release the Israelites to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. These pagan Kings grant letters for supplies, return the sacred items, and even send workers to help. The builders return and begin to lay a foundation. Their work is interrupted by kings who are self-centered and focused on their personal power. These kings stop the progress. But God is not defeated! He continues to provide kings who are favorable and the rebuilding continues.



It seems to me that as we find ourselves in today's world, in today's culture, it might seem like we are 'kings of the world' who are fixated on destroying the kingdom of God, interrupting God's people.

But God is not defeated! He is always victorious! As we continue to live our AUTHENTIC faith in Him, He will provide us with His wisdom and His strength to build His kingdom.

Let us be encouraged by the hope we have in Jesus Christ! He will always be victorious.

I want to express a heart-felt Thank You to our District family for the generous gift for my birthday.

- Terry & Becky

HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION OF PRAYER



HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION

The Vision of Stan Reeder, USA/Canada Regional Director, is to mobilize 500,000 Nazarenes to be in prayer, seeking God to discover what He wants to say to us about the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene and a

movement of God in the USA/Canada. Here is a [LINK](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1821745854684842) to watch to give you more information. If the link does not work, you can always copy this address into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1821745854684842> Make sure you get the entire address.

YEAR END REPORTS

The church year ends April 30, 2022.

To help us prepare for this reporting session, we several area wide PREP MEETINGS scheduled!

March 10, Murphysboro/Mt. Vernon Zone - Place & Time TBD

March 12, Metro Zone - Roxana, 10 am

March 15, Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting, 9:30 am

March 15, Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting, 7:00 pm

Other Zones to be scheduled!

District Nominating Committee will meet on March 26, 9:00 am.

Your Annual Meetings should be between April 17 - May 1.

INTERIM APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Wayne Clevenger has been appointed to serve as Interim Pastor at Mattoon Homestead during their transition.

Rev. Sonia Samayoa has been appointed to serve as Interim Pastor at Belleville Hispanic.

PRAY FOR CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS

The following churches are in search of their next pastor: Flora, Mansfield Community, Shelbyville, Griggsville, Mattoon Homestead, Decatur First, Pittsfield, Champaign First.

CONGRATULATIONS



Pastor Juan & Rachel Ricápito are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Francesca Evangeline Ricápito, who was born on 2/9/22. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19.5 inches long and was welcomed home by big sister, Elena. Pastor Juan pastors our Carbondale/Murphysboro Nuevos Comienzos church. Everyone is doing well! We are so excited for this young family.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- John 13:35 (NIV)



FEBRUARY IS ALABASTER MONTH!

God is using Alabaster offerings in a powerful way in Pakistan. In this country where Christians are a minority, congregations without a building crowd into private homes to worship. A church building goes beyond a place to worship regularly, celebrate weddings, and hold funerals; it also stands as a symbol to their communities of their commitment to being present long-term. In 2019 alone, 5 churches received Alabaster funds to construct their buildings, completed in 2020 and 2021. These congregations have given sacrificially to purchase land, and then the global family has supported and encouraged them with Alabaster offerings to construct a building. What a joy it is to build the church together!

Alabaster Resources: Click [here](#) to view our library of Alabaster resources. We have videos, presentation slides, posters, and more. The variety of materials are in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

ZONE MISSION TOUR MARCH 20 - 31, 2022

- March 20 - Springfield First, 10:30 am
- March 20 - Springfield Zone @ Taylorville, 7:00 pm
- March 21 - Metro East Zone @ Belleville First, 7:00 pm
- March 23 - M&M Zone @ Benton, 7:00 pm
- March 24 - Olney Zone @ Fairfield, 7:00 pm
- March 25 - Illinois River Zone @ Nebo, 7:00 pm
- March 27 - Arcola Hispanic, 10:00 am
- March 27 - Mattoon Zone @ Mattoon East Side, 6:00 pm
- March 29 - Champaign Zone @ Rantoul, 7:00 pm
- March 30 - Olivet Zone @ Chrisman, 7:00 pm

- Sandy Stickler, NMI President

Pastors make sure you have someone making your monthly report. You can access the reporting page by clicking on this <https://illinoisnaz.org/statistical-reporting/> or copying the address into your browser.



TEEN QUIZZING SCHEDULE

March 4 & 5 - Champaign First (District Finals)

**DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE
March 11 & 12**

Roxana Church of the Nazarene

Celebrate Life returns in 2022! Registration goes until March 1. The cost will be \$75/individual. Registration forms attached.

**REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE
MAY 12 - 14, 2022**

Olivet Nazarene University



YOUTH CAMP

June 27 - July 1, 2022

Camp Speaker: Brett Armstrong



New District SDMI Chairman

Rev. Randy Wright, pastor at Anna First Church of the Nazarene, has been appointed to serve as the new SDMI Chairman. Randy has grown up on this district, answering God's call into vocational ministry later in life. He was elected to be the pastor in Anna in January 2019. Randy's wife is Lea and they have 2 children. Welcome Randy to this new role and be sure to pray for him as he directs the district SDMI council.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

- Nehemiah 1:11 (NIV)

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2022

February 19 - District Advisory Board Virtual Meeting

March 4-5 - District NYI Quiz Finals @ Champaign First

March 11-12 - District Celebrate Life @ Roxana

March 19 - District SDMI Council Mtg.

April 2 - District Finance Committee Mtg.

April 9 - District NMI Council Mtg.

April 23 - District Children's Quiz @ Salem Grace, 10:00 am

April 30 - District Credentials & Ministerial Studies Board - Candidates for Ordination,
First Time License @ Mattoon Eastside

June 3-4 - Regional Children's Quiz @ Olivet

June 16-18 - National Hispanic Conference @Southern Nazarene University

June 27-July 1 - Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly

July 18 - 22 - Kid's Camp @ Passion Church Campus (formerly Camp Warren)

September 16 - 18 - Lay Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center, Fredericktown, MO

September 29 - October 1 - SPARK Children's Workers' Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference
Center

September 30-October 2 - m&m Retreat @ Embassy Suite Conference Center, St. Charles, MO

November 11 - 13 (tentative) NYI Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Crest Camp

December 3 - District Pastors & Families Christmas Gathering, Effingham

2023

June 10 - 17 - Dates for General Conventions & General Assembly in Indianapolis

June 26-30 - (tentative) Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 5-9 - Nazarene Youth Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida

July 13 - 15 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly

July 17-21 (tentative) - Kid's Camp @ Passion Church Campus

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District Celebrate Life 2022

March 11-12, 2022
Roxana Church of the Nazarene

Participant Registration Form

Please print and complete all information below

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Complete Address _____

Home Phone _____ Your Cell Phone _____

May we text you during DCL? Y / N Gender: Male / Female

Email Address _____

Local Church _____ Youth Leader _____

Important Information

District Cost is \$75 per student (individual churches may add additional expenses)

Registration forms and fees are due postmarked by March 1st, 2022.
Registrations postmarked after March 1st will be returned to you and no participation will be allowed. Students who have not paid any applicable late fees will not be allowed to participate.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: "ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE"

PLEASE SEND FORMS AND FEES TO;

**ROXANA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
ATTN: JAMIE TOOLEN
500 N. CENTRAL AVE. ROXANA, IL 62084
ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

WAIVER AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

* THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION AT CELEBRATE LIFE *

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I HEREBY GIVE AUTHORITY TO THE NYI PRESIDENT, THE CELEBRATE LIFE DIRECTOR AND ILLINOIS DISTRICT SPONSORS ATTENDING CELEBRATE LIFE, TO OBTAIN MINOR MEDICAL ATTENTION OR AUTHORIZE MEDICAL TREATMENT AT ANY HOSPITAL IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY OF ALL ILLINOIS DISTRICT NYI SPONSORS, THE CELEBRATE LIFE STAFF AND THE FACILITY STAFF AS THOSE WHO WILL SUPERVISE THIS EVENT AND UPHOLD PROPER CONDUCT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT MY SON/DAUGHTER COULD BE SENT HOME AND THAT I COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION HOME AND ANY DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. I AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, WORKERS OR VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR THEFT. I ALSO GIVE MY PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR VIDEO MY CHILD/CHILDREN AND USE FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES INCLUDING ONLINE AND OTHER FORMS OF PUBLISHING.

MY SON / DAUGHTER, _____ HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND AND
PLEASE PRINT STUDENT'S NAME CLEARLY
PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT / MEDICAL INFORMATION

PARENT(S) NAME: _____ HOME _____ CELL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____
(IN CASE PARENTS CAN NOT BE REACHED)

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

POLICY NUMBER: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES / CONDITIONS: _____

STUDENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

I AM WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ALL CELEBRATE LIFE STAFF, SPONSORS AND WORKERS. I ALSO AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THEIR AUTHORITY IN ALL AREAS AND AT ALL TIMES. I WILL ALSO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET UP BY THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT NYI COUNCIL AND THE CELEBRATE LIFE COMMITTEE.
I AM AWARE THAT FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Athletics Registration

Team Sports: (May only choose 2 for District level)

(circle those that apply)

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Basketball	Men's / Women's	Church/Team Name: _____
Volleyball	Men's / Women's	Church/Team Name: _____
Dodgeball	Co-ed	Church/Team Name: _____
Table Tennis Co - ed Doubles		Partner: _____

Individual Sports:

Table Tennis Singles	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Hot Shot	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Free Throw	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Chess	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School

Try-out Only Sports:

Co-Ed Soccer		Tryouts will be held at 10:00am
Tennis	M / W	Tryouts will be held at Regional Celebrate Life in May
Bowling	M / W	You <u>MUST</u> bowl 3 games prior to DCL, then turn in score at DCL registration. There will be NO bowling at DCL. Score sheet must be signed by adult verifying score.
Golf	M / W	You <u>MUST</u> golf prior to DCL, then turn in scorecard at DCL registration. There will be NO golfing at DCL. Scorecard must be signed by adult verifying score.

5K, Tennis and HR Derby competition will happen at RCL only

Talent Registration

Music Entries: **(Maximum of 2 entries)**

(circle those that apply)

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Vocal Music

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / CHOIR / RAP
PARTNER(S) _____

CD / TAPE / LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / CHOIR / RAP
PARTNER(S) _____

CD / TAPE / LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT

Instrumental

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / BAND
PARTNER(S) _____

INSTRUMENT _____

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / BAND
PARTNER(S) _____

INSTRUMENT _____

Art Entries: **(Maximum of 2 entries)**

(circle those that apply)

ENTRY 1: PAINTING / DRAWING / SCULPTURE / CRAFT / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY / RCL T-SHIRT DESIGN

ENTRY 2: PAINTING / DRAWING / SCULPTURE / CRAFT / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY / RCL T-SHIRT DESIGN

Communication Entries: **(Maximum of 2 entries)**

(circle those that apply)

ENTRY 1: DRAMA/ MIME / DANCE / PUPPETRY / CREATIVE WRITING / SPEECH / BIBLE EXPOSITION / VIDEO EDITING
GROUP NAME / TITLE: _____

ENTRY 2: DRAMA/ MIME / PUPPETRY / CREATIVE WRITING / SPEECH / BIBLE EXPOSITION / VIDEO EDITING
GROUP NAME / TITLE: _____

OTHER: SCIENCE QUIZZING *(CIRCLE IF PARTICIPATING)*

* PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL COMMERCIALY PRODUCED ACCOMPANIMENT TAPES/CD'S MUST BE ORIGINAL – NO COPIES WILL BE PERMITTED. RECORDED ACCOMPANIMENT MUST NOT HAVE VOICES SINGING IN UNISON WITH THE SINGER(S). THE SINGER(S) WILL BE JUDGED BY THE WRITTEN MUSIC GIVEN TO THE JUDGES.

District Celebrate Life 2022

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Sponsor Registration Form

Please print and complete all information below

Name _____ Are you older than 21? Y / N

Complete Address _____

Home Phone _____ Your Cell Phone _____

May we text you during DCL? Y / N Gender: Male / Female

Email Address _____

Local Church _____ Youth Leader _____

Have you submitted your annual background check for this calendar year?* Y / N

Important Information

Sponsor cost is free but we still need you to register by the deadline.

Sponsors' Registration forms and fees are due **March 1st, 2022**.

* All Sponsors for District NYI Events must be cleared via a background check every year. Please go to the District web page and submit your back ground check. Any sponsors who do not complete the background check 1 week prior to the event will be denied.